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COMOROS REQUEST FOR SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING --

THE FRENCH MISSION TAKES THE POSITION THAT THE COMOROS, AS A UN MEMBER STATE, HAVE A RIGHT TO BRING A COMPLAINT BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND BE HEARD, AND THAT FRANCE, "ALTHOUGH WITHOUT ENTHUSIASM," IS PREPARED TO SEE A DEBATE TAKE PLACE. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 360)

EMERGENCY SITUATION IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA --

SOUTH AFRICAN REPRESENTATIVE BOTHA ASKED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN TO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT URGENTLY THAT AN AMERGENCY SITUATION EXISTS IN NORTHERN NAMIBIA DUE TO ARRIVAL OF 13,000 ANGOLAN REFUGEES, INCLUDING 2,800 LAST WEEK ALONE, WITH 5,000 MORE ARRIVING. AN ADDITIONAL 6,000 PROBABLE REFUGEES ARE ONLY 40 KILOMETERS FROM THE NAMIBIAN BORDER, HE ADDED. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 348)

UN COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN (CTB) COMMITTEE --

AT WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP (WEOG) MEETING, CHAIRMAN LOGERSTAEY (BELGIUM) REPORTED THERE HAD BEEN REQUESTS FOR FOLLOWING SEATS FOR THE CTB COMMITTEE: SIX FOR EASTERN EUROPEANS, FIVE EACH FOR THE AFRICANS AND LATIN AMERICANS, AND EIGHT FOR ASIANS. IF THE COMMITTEE WERE TO MEET, HE THOUGHT WEOG WOULD ASK FOR SEVEN OR EIGHT SEATS. HE ALSO SAID THE PHILIPPINES READ A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF PRC STATING PRC WOULD NOT PARTICIPATE IN CTB NEGOTIATIONS OR CONSIDER ITSELF BOUND BY THEM. ITALIANS AND FINNS INDICATED THAT IF THE COMMITTEE MEETS THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN SEATS. THE FRENCH STATED THEY WILL NOT PARTICIPATE. IN RESPONSE TO UK QUERY ABOUT THE REALISM OF THE CTB COMMITTEE EXERCISE, LONGERSTAEY SAID HE THOUGHT HIS REPORTING OF THE CHINESE STATEMENT INDIRECTLY ADDRESSED THAT QUESTION. A SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL SPECULATED TO USUN THAT THE GA PRESIDENT WILL EVENTUALLY ANNOUNCE THE NAMES OF THOSE NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES WHO ARE CANDIDATES FOR THE COMMITTEE
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AND THEN TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION BECAUSE OF LACK OF PARTICIPATION BY ALL NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 357)

CHILE AND HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION --

CHILEAN AMBASSADOR DIAZ, IN DISCUSSION WITH U.S. REPRESENTATIVE TO HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION (HRC) GARMENT, SAID THAT TEXT OF

NEW PRESIDENTIAL DECREE PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS OF DETAINEES IN CHILE WOULD BE RELEASED AT THE FORTHCOMING HRC SESSION. CHILE'S TWO MAIN CONCERNS APPEAR TO BE THAT MAJOR WESTERN COUNTRIES NOT GO ALONG WITH ANY CONDEMNATION OF CHILE AND THAT SOME RECOGNITION BE MADE IN SPEECHES THAT NEW DECREE LAW OFFERED POSSIBILITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN CHILEAN SITUATION. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 354)

COMMITTEE TO REVIEW UN DISARMAMENT ROLE --

WHILE PROCEDURAL FRAMEWORK FOR COMMITTEE'S WORK AS ESTABLISHED DURING ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IS AS FAVORABLE AS WE COULD HAVE EXPECTED, TENTATIVE POSITIONS TAKEN BY SEVERAL DELEGATIONS ON UN DISARMAMENT ROLE INDICATE THAT SUBSTANTIVE COMMITTEE SESSIONS IN JUNE AND SEPTEMBER WILL BE USED BY SOME PARTICIPANTS TO PROMOTE FAR-REACHING CHANGES IN EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND COULD WELL BECOME SCENE OF SHARP DISPUTES BETWEEN THOSE PRESSING FOR EXPANDED UN DISARMAMENT ROLE AND THOSE WISHING TO PRESERVE THE STATUS QUO.

SESSION WAS ATTENDED BY ALL NUCLEAR POWERS EXCEPT CHINA. CHINESE MISSION OFFICER TOLD US DELOFF THAT, WHILE PRC WOULD NOT TAKE PART IN ORGANIZATIONAL MEETINGS, CHINA WOULD CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN SUBSTANTIVE SESSIONS IF COMMITTEE APPEARED TO BE MOVING IN CONSTRUCTIVE DIRECTION. FRENCH COUNSELLOR SCALABRE TOOK AN ACTIVE INTEREST IN THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING, CONCERNING HIMSELF MAINLY WITH IMPLICATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK FOR THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD). SCALABRE EMPHASIZED MORE THAN ONCE THAT FRANCE IS NOW MORE "FLEXIBLE" TOWARD THE CCD; PREVIOUSLY THE FRENCH POSITION WAS IT WOULD NOT JOIN THE CCD WITHOUT CHINA, BUT IT NO LONGER LINKS THE TWO ISSUES. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTELS 358, 359)

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COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING --

THE GROUP OF 77 HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ON A COMMON POSITION FOR THE SECOND SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESTRUCTURING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN FEBRUARY 11, AND WHAT APPEARS TO BE THE DOMINANT ELEMENT AMONG THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL NOT WANT THE SESSION TO MAKE ANY MEANINGFUL PROGRESS. ALSO, WITH FEW IF ANY EXCEPTIONS, THE WESTERN EUROPEANS HAVE NOT REALLY FOCUSED ON THE PROBLEMS AND POTENTIALS OF THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE AND SEEM TO BE PASSIVE IN THEIR APPROACH TO THE SESSION. ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT, ALL OF THE HEADS OF SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS OF THE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMISSIONS PLAN TO PARTICIPATE. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN IS THE INTENTION OF UNCTAD TO PUSH FOR SOME SORT OF TROIKA ARRANGEMENT WITH UNCTAD, ESA AND UNDP, WITH UNCTAD

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SECURITY COUNCIL -- NAMIBIA

THE COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE RIGHT-POWER RESOLUTION (S/11950) JANUARY 30 WHICH, INTER ALIA, DEMANDS THAT SOUTH AFRICA MAKE A SOLEMN DECLARATION ACCEPTING ELECTIONS FOR NAMIBIA AS A WHOLE, UNDER UN SUPERVISION AND CONTROL, SO THAT THE PEOPLE COULD FREELY DETERMINE THEIR FUTURE. BEFORE THE VOTE THE COUNCIL HEARD THE REMAINING SPEAKERS IN THE DEBATE ON NAMIBIA -- CUBA, JAMAICA, MALI AND TANZANIA. AT THE END OF THE MEETING, SC PRESIDENT SALIM (TANZANIA) DREW ATTENTION TO THE COMOROS REQUEST FOR AN URGENT MEETING IN VIEW OF FRANCE'S INTENTION TO ORGANIZE A REFERENDUM IN MAYOTTE FEBRUARY 8. LIBYA REQUESTED THE SC TO MEET ON THE MATTER JANUARY 31 OR FEBRUARY 2, THE FRENCH CHALLENGED THE RELEVANCE OF THE REQUEST, AND THE PRESIDENT SAID HE AND HIS SUCCESSOR, AMB MOHNIHAN, THE PRESIDENT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, WOULD CONSLT MEMBERS ON THE COURSE OF ACTION TO BE TAKEN.

CUBA -- ALARCON QUESADA, REFERRED TO THE TRIPLE VETO, CHARGED SOUTH AFRICA WITH STILL FLOUTING UN AUTHORITY, AND SHARED THE SC PRESIDENT'S VIEW THAT THE DISCUSSION SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE SUBJECT OF NAMIBIA THOUGH HE WAS READY TO DEBATE THE QUESTION OF ANGOLA AT ANY TIME. HE NOTED THAT ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS A BILL HAD BEEN INTRODUCED IN THE SOUTH AFRICAN PARLIAMENT WHICH EMPOWERED SOUTH AFRICAN FORCES TO CROSS THE BORDERS OF THE COUNTRY TO COUNTERACT ANY THREAT TO ITS SECURITY, AND THE AREA IN WHICH THEY COULD OPERATE WAS GIVEN AS "AFRICA SOUTH OF THE EQUATOR" -- WHICH COVERED 19 SOVEREIGN STATES, PLUS NAMIBIA. CUBA'S ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA HAD BEEN GIVEN AT THE REQUEST OF THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT OF THAT COUNTRY; THE PEOPLES OF AFRICA KNEW WHO THEIR FRIENDS WERE, AND THEY COULD ALWAYS COUNT ON CUBA.

JAMAICA -- HALL WAS CRITICAL OF THE TRIPLE VETO IN THE SC AND THE ABSTENTIONS ON GA RESOLUTION 3399, AND SAID OTHER COUNTRIES HAD BEEN SUBJECTED TO AN INTENSE CAMPAIGN OF VILIFICATION FOR HAVING ABSTAINED ON OTHER ISSUES WHICH
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WERE LESS CLEAR-CUT IN THEIR RAMIFICATIONS. JAMAICA

STRONGLY CONDEMNED THE INVASION OF ANGOLA BY SOUTH AFRICA AND IT WAS CONVINCED THAT THE INDEPENDENCE OF NAMIBIA WAS A HISTORICAL INEVITABILITY AND WOULD BE ACHIEVED UNDER SWAPO LEADERSHIP.

MALI -- KANTE DENOUNCED THE CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE, SAID RECENTLY THERE HAD BEEN THREATS AGAINST THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ZAMBIA AND NOW OPEN AGGRESSION BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS AGAINST ANGOLA, AND STATED SOUTH AFRICA'S ALLIES SHOULD SEE THAT THE ARMS THEY SUPPLIED FOR DEFENSIVE PURPOSES WERE IN FACT BEING USED FOR AGGRESSION. HE SAID THE SOUTH AFRICAN INVASION OF ANGOLA COULD NOT BE EQUATED WITH "THE VALUABLE AND EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE GIVEN TO ANGOLA BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA UNDER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS," AND ASKED WHETHER THOSE MAKING ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE USSR AND CUBA WERE "PULLING THE STRINGS BEHIND SOUTH AFRICA." HE APPEALED TO WESTERN EUROPEAN STATES TO UNDERSTAND THAT NOTHING COULD JUSTIFY AN ALLIANCE WITH SOUTH AFRICA.

TANZANIA -- SC PRESIDENT SALIM, SPEAKING AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF TANZANIA, POINTED OUT THAT LAST YEAR A REASONABLE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS VETOED BY THREE PERMANENT MEMBERS, AND SAID THOSE WHO CAST THOSE VETOES HAD A MORAL OBLIGATION TO APPLY PRESSURE ON THE RACIST REGIME TO ACCEPT THE UN POSITION. THE SC, HE ADMITTED, WAS NOT UNAWARE OF THE EEC INITIATIVE. HE STATED THAT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MEASURES THAT MUST BE TAKEN WAS TO COMPLETELY ISOLATE SOUTH AFRICA FROM ALL INTERNATIONAL INTERCOURSE OF EVERY KIND. HE WAS DISTRESSED OVER THE ROLE OF FOREIGN FIRMS IN NAMIBIA. SOUTH AFRICA MUST ADHERE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE SC AS EXPRESSED IN RESOLUTION 366. "FOR HOWEVER MUCH WE REGRET THE NEED FOR WAR, WE CAN NO MORE REFUSE THAT SUPPORT THAN THE ALLIES COULD HAVE REFUSED SUPPORT FOR THE RESISTANCE MOVEMENTS OF EUROPEA DURING THE 1940'S," SALIM DECLARED, ADDING, IN THIS MATTER THERE WAS NO ALTERNATIVE. THE CHOICE BETWEEN WAR AND PEACE BELONGED TO SOUTH AFRICA, AND ON BOTH THOSE CHOICES THE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE ALLIES OF SOUTH AFRICA WAS GRAVE INDEED.

BEFORE THE DRAFT RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY, VINCI
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(ITALY) STATED THAT HIS DELEGATION HAD NO RESERVATIONS ON ITS PROVISIONS. IN EXPLANATION OF VOTE AFTER THE VOTE, DE FURINGAUD (FRANCE), WHO HAD CERTAIN RESERVATIONS, SAID WHEN THE TIME CAME THE SC SHOULD DETERMINE HOW THE ELECTIONS SHOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN KEEPING WITH THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TRULY DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS. REGARDING PARAGRAPH 3 (CONDEMNING UTILIZATION OF NAMIBIA AS BASE FOR ATTACKS ON NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES), HE SAID IT WAS NOT RIGHT TO CONDEMN ONLY CERTAIN MILITARY ACTIONS IN A

COUNTRY THAT WAS NAMIBIA'S NEIGHBOR. LAI Y-LI (CHINA) HAD RESERVATIONS ON THOSE PORTIONS OF THE TEXT REFERRING TO FREE ELECTIONS, EXPLAINING SUCH ELECTIONS WERE COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION WHILE NAMIBIA WAS DOMINATED BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS. MURRAY (UK) HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE USE OF THE WORD "CONTROL" IN RELATION TO THE UN'S FUTURE TASK IN NAMIBIA. ALSO, THE UK WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY ONE-SIDED CONDEMNATION OF THE USE OF FORCE, EITHER IN NAMIBIA OR ANGOLA. BOTH THE UK AND FRANCE HAD RESERVATIONS ON RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO IN THE PREAMBLE FOR WHICH THEY HAD NOT VOTED.

AMB MOYNIHAN STATED THAT THE U.S. DELEGATION VOTED AFFIRMATIVELY "IN THE CONTEXT OF NAMIBIA ALONE." HAD THE SC BEEN DISCUSSING ANGOLA IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NECESSARY TO EXAMINE ALL OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE, INCLUDING NON-AFRICAN FORCES CURRENTLY FIGHTING THERE. HE CONSIDERED THAT THE COUNCIL WISELY AVOIDED PREJUDGING THE NATURE OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS TO BE CARRIED OUT UNDER UN SUPERVISION, COMMENTING THAT WAS A MATTER TO BE WORKED OUT LATER. HE PAID TRIBUTE TO THE UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA. SAITO (JAPAN) HOPED SOUTH AFRICA WOULD RESPOND TO THE RESOLUTION.

KAMANA (ZAMBIA), PRESIDENT OF THE UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, AND GAROEB, ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY OF SWAPO, THANKED THE COUNCIL FOR ITS UNANIMOUS VOTE ON THE RESOLUTION. BOTH HOPED THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, AND GAROEB SAW THE UNANIMOUS VOTE AS MEANING THAT "THE COUNCIL IS OUR PARTNER IN THE EXERCISE OF THE LIBERATION OF OUR COUNTRY."

PRESIDENT SALIM THEN READ OUT THE TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM FROM THE HEAD OF THE COMORIAN STATE REQUESTING AN URGENT SC MEETING IN VIEW OF FRANCE'S INTENTION TO ORGANIZE A
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REFERENDUM IN MAYOTTE FEBRUARY 8. HE SAID HE AND HIS SUCCESSOR WOULD CONSULT COUNCIL MEMBERS ON ACTION TO BE TAKEN. KIKHIA (LIBYA) THEN STARTED TO DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF MAYOTTE, DECLARING THE ACTIONS OF THE FORMER COLONIAL POWER COULD NOT BE JUSTIFIED. THE PRESIDENT SAID IT WOULD NOT BE APPROPRIATE TO GO INTO DETAILS SINCE THE QUESTION WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA. KIKHIA INSISTED ON THE URGENCY OF ACTION, FRENCH AMB DE GUIRINGAUD OBJECTED SINCE THE ITEM WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND THE PRESIDENT SUSTAINED HIS POSITION. IN A SERIES OF SUBSEQUENT INTERVENTIONS, KIKHIA ASKED FOR A MEETING JANUARY 31 OR FEBRUARY 2, DE GUIRINGAUD REITERATED THE ITEM WAS NOT ON THE AGENDA, AND THE PRESIDENT STATED THAT AT THIS POINT THE ITEM COULD NOT BE DISCUSSED BUT THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE POINT MADE BY THE LIBYAN REPRESENTATIVE WHEN HE CONSULTED COUNCIL MEMBERS ON COMOROS REQUEST. (REPEATED INFO ADDIS ABABA, KINSHASA, LUSAKA, MOSCOW, PORT LOUIS, USLO PEKING, LAGOS, TANANARIVE, TRIPOLI,

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COMMITTEE OF 24 --

THE COMMITTEE, MEETING JANUARY 30 FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 1976, UNANIMOUSLY REELECTED SALIM (TANZANIA) TO THE POST OF CHAIRMAN, WHICH HE HAS FILLED SINCE 1972. IT ALSO UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED ABDULAH (TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO), VRAALSEN (NORWAY) AND GARVALOV (BULGARIA) AS VICE CHAIRMEN, AND POSTPONED ELECTION OF A RAPPORTEUR. THE MEETING WAS OPENED BY SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM, WHO SAID THAT WHILE THE PAST YEAR MARKED A MAJOR TURNING POINT IN DECOLONIZATION, SOME 17 MILLION PEOPLE IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE WORLD REMAINED UNDER ALIEN RULE. INTENSIFIED EFFORTS MUST BE MADE TO MEET "THE CHALLENGE OF THE CHANGING DIMENSIONS OF SOME OF THE COLONIAL PROBLEMS." CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN SMALLER TERRITORIES, THE SYG EMPHASIZED THAT THE LACK OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OR THE SMALL SIZE OF A TERRITORY AND ITS POPULATION MUST NOT BE USED AS A PRETEXT TO DELAY SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE.

CHAIRMAN SALIM SAID THE COMMITTEE MUST SEEK TO INTENSIFY THE SPOTLIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION ON THE TRAGIC INJUSTICES THAT CONTINUED TO PREVAIL IN ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA AND STRIVE TO DEPRIVE THE RACIST REGIMES OF THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE WHICH ENABLED THEM TO REMAIN IN POWER. IT WAS OBVIOUS THAT MERE CONDEMNATION OF THOSE REGIMES WAS INADEQUATE. HE HOPED THAT THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WOULD TAKE FURTHER MEASURES IN FORMULATING MUCH-NEEDED NEW ASSISTANCE PROJECTS FOR THE PEOPLES CONCERNED. HE SAID THE COMMITTEE WOULD DESPATCH A VISITING MISSION THIS YEAR TO THE TOKELAU ISLANDS AND TO A UK-ADMINISTERED TERRITORY, AND HE HOPED THAT THE TWO ADMINISTERING POWERS WHICH HAD HITHERTO MAINTAINED A NEGATIVE APPROACH IN THAT REGARD WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR POSITION. HE STATED THAT THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE DEVOTED TO AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS CONCERNING THE WORK PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR AND THE ORGANIZATION OF WORK. (REPEATED IFO ABIDJAN, ADDIS ABABA, BAMAKO, BELGRADE, CANBERRA, DAMASCUS, FREETOWN, KABUL, MOSCOW, NEW DELHI, PORT OF SPAIN, PRAGUE, SOFIA, SUVA, TEHRAN, TUNIS, USLO PEKING)

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THE COUNCIL JANUARY 28 APPROVED COUNTRY PROGRAMS FOR MAURITIUS, FIJI, NEPAL, SINGAPORE, SOLOMON ISLANDS, TONGA, COSTA RICA AND GUATEMALA. THESE WERE THE SECOND COUNTRY PROGRAMS SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL FOR EACH OF THESE COUNTRIES DURING THE PRESENT PROGRAMMING CYCLE. ON JANUARY 27 THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING GLOBAL PROJECTS: (1) RESEARCH AND TRAINING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY PROTEIN MAIZE, PHASE III; (2) INVESTIGATION OF NITROGEN FIXATION BY FREE-LIVING BACTERIA IN ASSOCIATION WITH LOWLAND RICE; AND (3) SOUTHERN OCEAN FISHERIES SURVEY PROGRAMS. (OURTEL 353)

CONFERENCE SCHEDULING PROBLEM --

COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCES JANUARY 29 TOOK UP PROBLEM OF CONFERENCE SCHEDULING IN EARLY JUNE, WHEN UNUSUALLY HEAVY DEMANDS ARE BEING PLACED ON INTERPRETATION SERVICES BECAUSE OF MAY 31-JUNE 11 HABITAT CONFERENCE IN VANCOUVER, WHICH WILL BE HOLDING FOUR SIMULTANEOUS MEETINGS. DISCUSSION WAS INCONCLUSIVE, AND THE COMMITTEE SECRETARY WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF ALL RESCHEDULING OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION AT NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 5. (OURTEL 352)

APARTHEID COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S APPEAL --

CHAIRMAN CISSE (GUINEA), OF THE COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, ISSUED AN APPEAL TO ALL GOVERNMENTS JANUARY 30 REQUESTING GENEROUS VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UN TRUST FUND FOR PUBLICITY AGAINST APARTHEID.

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